

The annual yield of the mines in that state, remote as it is from rail road connection, averages close on to \$7,000,000 annually. Three cotton mills produce yearly 50,000 pieces 27 metres each in length. Three mills yield 2,000,000 pounds of sugar per year. The henequen plant, or sisal grass, is cultivated and the fibre manufactured and exported, the removal of the duty upon it by the McKinley bill stimulating this branch of manufacture and trade.

The writer discourses intelligently on the protection doctrine and its workings, gives tariff figures in illustration of the subject, and draws conclusions strongly favorable to free trade. Incidentally he mentions the growth of the State of Chihuahua and pays the following tribute to our friends there, which was the point that chiefly attracted our attention to his article:

"The Mormon colonists in Chihuahua are, I am told, getting on well, and quietly minding their own business, as well as improving the desert lands, transforming the wilderness into a garden. These industrious people give the government no trouble, and are among the best colonists who have come to Mexico. Their policy is to work and make no talk."

These are good words and true, and speak well for the "Mormons" in Mexico and the fairness of the Boston *Herald* correspondent.

KINDRED SPIRITS.

"The fact that forty-two arrests for polygamy have been made in the last two months in Utah doesn't look much as if polygamy was abolished, does it? It pays to watch the Mormons all the time. When they are most submissive and sanctimonious in appearance, then watch them the closer."

That is from the New York *Mail and Express*, edited by a "sanctimonious" modern Pharisee, who places a Bible text at the head of his editorial columns every day as a notice to the world of his exceeding piety. The fact that not a single arrest for polygamy has been made for the last two months in Utah doesn't look much as if the good Shepherd paid much attention to the ninth commandment. There is no need to watch him very closely. Just glance over his columns and see how religion and ribaldry, scriptural texts and scandalous sayings, Christian sentiments and malicious attacks, surface religion and vile vituperation are thoroughly mixed and mingled, and the value of his "sanctimonious appearance" can be readily estimated.

On the "Mormon" question,

the New York writer of perversions like the above, is but an echo of the Salt Lake scribe who is convicted every day in the week, Sundays included, of wilfully lying about the "Mormons." They have a mutual admiration for each other, as is perfectly natural. When thoroughly exposed they never acknowledge an error but try to bolster it up with additional falsehood. They are both after Satan's own heart and when they have finished the work of their master will together reap its reward as joint heirs in his dominions. *Par nobile fratrum.*

A BLIND GUIDE.

THE *Christian Witness* says:

"A person professing holiness should keep as far away from visions and revelations and more impressions supposed to come from the Spirit as possible, and follow the plain word of God. There is peril at every point, but the word of God is a 'lamp to our feet and a light to our path.'"

By "the word of God" the *Christian Witness* means the Holy Scriptures, or the Old and New Testaments. These are to be "a lamp to our feet and a light to our path." Well, suppose we take this plain guide, and follow it, shall we not walk in the very way that the *Witness* warns all Christians to avoid? Let us see.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God." Rom. viii, 14.

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." 1 Cor. xii, 7.

"Follow after charity and desire spiritual gifts but rather that ye may prophesy." 1 Cor. xiv, 1.

"Wherefore brethren covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues." v. 39.

"Quench not the spirit."

"Despise not prophesyings. 11 Thess." v. 19, 20.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams. And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out, in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." Acts ii, 17, 18.

We could fill columns with quotations of a similar character to show beyond dispute that "the plain word of God" gives counsel of the very opposite character to that of the *Witness*, which it is clear is misnamed *Christian*, if the New Testament is any guide to what the term signifies.

The presence and power of the Holy Ghost in the hearts of preachers and people are the great need of Christendom. The dead letter which is their "only guide" is in-

sufficient for the needs of humanity. Without those very impressions of that living Spirit which the *Witness* counts as a peril, the Bible is not really the "Word of God." It takes the fire of the present vital Spirit to give it that life and light without which it is mere verbiage.

With such blind guides as the *Witness* and the preachers who lead the blind in this false faith, no wonder that modern Christendom is such a maze of confusion and its doctrines such a mass of conflicting inconsistencies.

THE RED AND WHITE "CRAZE."

WHAT is now called the "Indian craze" occupies a large proportion of the dispatch columns of American newspapers.

In reading the clashing and contradictory reports on the subject, every thoughtful person will admit that there is a great deal of white man's "craze" on the subject. The telegrams are full of accounts of military concentration and movements preparatory to suppressing an anticipated uprising, yet the Indians have not, according to any of the reports, made a single hostile demonstration. That is the most singular phase of the whole business.

The basis of the alarm seems to be wholly grounded upon certain orgies or rites, including dancing, in which the red men are said to be indulging. Also on the fact that many of them believe in the intervention in their behalf of a Messiah, who is to destroy the whites by some tremendous convulsion of nature. It seems to us that if they have this belief, as has been so often represented, they will be likely to wait for its realization instead of going to work to destroy the whites with Winchester rifles. It will be very unfortunate if the Indians shall be goaded into committing some overt act by the hostile movements now going on in relation to them.

There are occasions when we can agree with the *Tribune*, and on one phase of this subject at least we can consistently coincide with it. That journal intimates, this morning, that the terrifying rumors floated all over the country about a probable Indian outbreak are set afoot and kept alive by post traders and other traders on the frontiers. It is not the first time that Indian wars have been precipitated by the sordid lust for business benefits peculiar to that class. Men get pretty low in the